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Food poisoning with neurotoxicity caused by eating food contaminated with *Clostridium botulinum*. From the Latin *botulus*, "sausage," the disease was first recognized in Germany in persons who had eaten tainted sausage and was originally called "sausage poisoning."

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